

FRIDAY 3 JULY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The annual Taumaranui Racing Club meeting has drawn large nominations and strong fields to compliment the listed \$65,000 Woods Group Taumaranui Gold Cup. The \$40,000 Modern Transport Engineering 1200 features class sprinters Spin Doctor, Antonio Lombardo and Flower Bomb. The Rating 65 2100m was divided due to excessive nominations and the nine-race card begins at 11.55am.

NZTR has announced the stake for the Auckland Racing Club's Meadow Fresh Great Northern Steeplechase and Schweppes Great Northern Hurdle has been increased to \$125,000, further establishing these races as the pinnacle of the New Zealand Jumps season.

Te Aroha Jumps Day features five jumping events and four highweight flat races. There is now an earlier start time of 12.05pm, due to the division of three jumping events in accordance with our open entry jumps policy.

July is the last month of the season and the premierships are in the home straight. The Murray Baker/ Andrew Forsman partnership is close to breaking the New Zealand Training Record (111 Wins) held by ex-pat John Sargent. Senior jockey Matthew Cameron is currently leading the Jockey premiership and Danielle Johnson is not far behind. Go to www.nzracing.co.nz for the latest premiership statistics.

The Hawkes Bay Spring Carnival dates have been released. The first nominations for the Makfi Challenge Stakes, Windsor Park Plate and Livamol Classic will close at 4pm on 21st July. Contact the National Racing Bureau or alternatively nominate using the Trainers Services Centre online.

2015 THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER – THURSDAY 13 AUGUST IN HAMILTON

The annual celebration of thoroughbred racing attended by key members of the industry - the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner – is to be held this year on the evening of Thursday, 13 August at Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton. The evening is scheduled to start with drinks at 6.00pm. Dress for the dinner is black tie.

A total of 20 Champions for the 2014-15 racing season are announced on the night culminating in The Award for Outstanding Contribution to Racing and The Horse of the Year Award.

Find out more here: <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/The-Guide/Champions/Industry-Awards.aspx>

SIR MARK TODD RIDING AT NEWBURY RACECOURSE

Sir Mark Todd, who took gold in individual eventing at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games and voted rider of the 20th century by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports, took to the saddle at Newbury Racecourse in the UK early this morning (NZ time) in the Key4Life Charity Race Evening, in the George Frewer Charity Race.

There were 10 other riders taking part in the George Frewer Charity Race, which was run at 4.55am (NZ time), the first race of the seven-race programme, including cyclist Victoria Pendleton, Britain's most successful female Olympian and Mike Felton, UK Champion Point-to-point Rider on three occasions. The one-mile-five-furlong event was won by the Maisie Turner-ridden Oratorio's Joy.

NOTICE TO LICENCE HOLDERS

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2015 NZRDA GINGERBREAD HORSE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES IN JULY

The Gingerbread Horse Campaign kicks off in July, led by baking icon Jo Seagar, in support of New Zealand Riding for the Disabled. The campaign asks businesses to register as a Gingerbread Baker, bake and decorate tasty Gingerbread Horse biscuits and selling them to workmates, clients/customers and the community from the end of July onwards, and donating the final proceeds to RDA.

There are five simple steps to follow as a Gingerbread Horse Business Baker:

1. Register online as either a New or Returning Individual Baker, Business Baker or School Baker. You'll be sent a Baking Pack containing everything you need to start baking Gingerbread Horse biscuits for NZRDA.
2. From Campaign Week (27th July) onwards, bake at least one batch of Gingerbread Horse biscuits using Jo Seagar's special biscuit recipe and horse-shaped cookie cutter provided in the Baking Pack.
3. Decorate them, use the bags and inserts provided to package the biscuits for sale.
4. From 27th July, sell biscuits to workmates, clients/customers and the public for just \$2 each. Advertising posters are included in packs, as well as tips on how, where and when to sell biscuits.
5. Donate the proceeds to NZ Riding for the Disabled. Once donations are finalised, you'll be sent a certificate.

All participating businesses appear on the Business Baker Leaderboard, including name, logo and website, and any baking/decorating/selling photos they share with us.

Each year NZRDA assists over 3,200 Riders through 55 RDA regional Groups, helping to change their lives for the better. Find out more at www.rda.org.nz

2015 NZERF/BAYER LECTURES IN MID-JULY - EQUINE ACUPUNCTURE

The NZ Equine Research Foundation (NZERF) is to bring Sarah Le Jeune to New Zealand from UC Davis in California for the NZERF/Bayer Lectures. Her topic is Equine Back Pain: Using conventional veterinary medicine, acupuncture and chiropractic for diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation and will include a live demonstration of equine acupuncture. The lectures will be held at:

1. Karaka on 18 July,
2. Cambridge Lodge on 19 July,
3. Manfield (Manawatu) on 22 July, and
4. Canterbury Park on 25 July.

Sarah is Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgical & Radiological Sciences at UC Davis. She has also studied and worked at the University of Louvain in Belgium, University of Liege in Belgium, and Colorado State University in the United States. Her awards include:

1. Christopher M. Smith Equine Resident Research Award, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, University of California, Davis
2. Nicholas Vatistas Memorial Resident Award, University of California, Davis
3. Dan Evans Memorial Endowment Resident Research Award, Center for Equine Health, University of California, Davis
4. Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital Resident Research Award, University of California, Davis

Register to attend with nzerf@xtra.co.nz

SCOTTY MACNAB LEADS THE FLAIR NATIONAL AMATEUR RIDERS' SERIES AFTER 4 ROUNDS

After five rounds of the FLAIR National Amateur Rider Series, Scotty MacNab just holds on to the lead ahead of Caley Myers and Linda Wheeler.

Scotty MacNab	27
Caley Myers	25
Linda Wheeler	17
Harley Cushing	14
Andre Wallace	13
Emma Glasgow	13
Lisa Kennedy	10
Missy Browne	10
Nicola Brown	10
Jonty Reid	6
Jamiee-Lee Lupton	5
Jason Laking	5
Alysha Verrell	3
Aaron McDonald	2
Danielle Hirini	2
Bailey Kennedy	2
Marita-Jane Frith	1
Michelle Northcott	1
Ashleigh McIntyre	1
Michael Roustoby	1

Points: 1st - 10; 2nd - 7; 3rd - 5; 4th - 3; 5th - 2; 6th - 1

The Flair National Amateur Rider Series has been sponsored by FLAIR, a group that promotes the interest of women in horse racing, for several years.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
24-Jun	Matamata	24,423	19,135	545,046	424,905	219,006	156,815	8	7	74	79
25-Jun	Otago	12,884	12,300	360,299	309,739	166,359	135,913	9	7	76	50
26-Jun	Waverley	47,990	20,018	670,899	537,617	273,513	187,624	11	7	132	87
27-Jun	Hawke's Bay	89,932	104,917	1,007,561	1,174,936	361,719	370,366	11	10	120	118
27-Jun	Whangarei	96,706	74,451	1,307,025	1,176,888	645,159	430,015	11	8	121	84
28-Jun	Waipa	51,711	48,580	637,129	729,108	301,068	226,139	10	9	110	115

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	312	322	(10)	(3.11%)
Races	2,646	2,685	(39)	(1.45%)
Total Starts	27,649	27,981	(332)	(1.19%)
Avg Field Size	10.449	10.421	+0.028	+0.27%
Number of races less than 8 starters	422	431	(9)	(2.09%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	375,371,190	363,929,528	+11,441,663	+3.14%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	32,234,331	33,744,451	(1,510,120)	(4.48%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	407,605,522	397,673,979	+9,931,542	+2.50%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	289,335,346	302,989,878	(13,654,533)	(4.51%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	118,267,873	94,684,086	+23,583,787	+24.91%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	154,046	148,109	+5,936	+4.01%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,742	14,212	+530	+3.73%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,562,952,715	1,407,941,053	+155,011,662	+11.01%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	760,530,308	753,435,275	+7,095,033	+0.94%

Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	802,422,407	654,505,778	+147,916,629	+22.60%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	368,469,567	277,752,085	+90,717,482	+32.66%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,931,422,282	1,685,693,138	+245,729,144	+14.58%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 21 Jun)	302,265,227	282,457,674	+19,807,553	+7.01%
Total Races (to 21 Jun)	2,548	2,588	(40)	(1.55%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	118,628	109,141	+9,487	+8.69%

Meeting details:

1. Matamata RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run on the following Monday last season; 8 races this season, 7 last.
2. Otago RC Thursday meeting ran 9 races in FY15, 7 in FY14.
3. Waverley RC Friday meeting equivalent was run on a Thursday in mid July last season; 11 races this season, 7 last.
4. Hawke's Bay RI Saturday meeting ran 11 races in FY15, 10 in FY14.
5. Whangarei RC Saturday meeting ran 11 races this season, 8 races last season.
6. Waipa RC Sunday meeting equivalent was run on the Sunday prior last season; 10 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

1. Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.5% year to date.
2. 10 less meetings and 39 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
3. Turnover per race is up 4.0%.
4. Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 332, 1.2 % less.
5. Average field size is 10.449 in FY15, up from 10.421 (+0.27%) in FY14.
6. The number of races with less than 8 starters is 9 lower than the season prior (422 v 431).
7. The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.5%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.9%).
8. Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.7% per race to 21 June.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). On-course self service turnover is also not currently included. Total NZRB racing turnover is all racing bet through the NZRB. NZ racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnovers combined; imported racing turnover is all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover. Combined with sports, the racing turnover provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.